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## GREAT FIRE OF TO-DAY

Gasoline Explosion Sets Fire to Three Buildings.

### TWO MEN BADLY BURNED IN THE FLAMES

Full Account of the Big Speedwell Ave. Blaze this Afternoon.—B. F. Friedman and R. W. Johnson blown into the Street.—Suffering at the Hospitals.—Narrow Escape from Death.—Firemen have Difficulty—Working in Intense Heat and Smoke—Owners and Occupants of the Buildings and Statement of Losses.

The largest and most serious fire that Morristown has known for years occurred this afternoon; the alarm being turned in from Box 28 at 12:45. The fire originated in the bicycle and repair shop of the B. Friedman Manufacturing Company at 64 Speedwell avenue. It appears that Bernard Friedman, of that establishment, was running an enameling machine which was heated by gasoline and in some way not exactly known to anyone a terrific explosion occurred, blowing out the front of the store together with Friedman and Robert Johnson, a young lad of 16, who worked in the shop and was lighting the gasoline enamele.

Owing to the combustibility of the gasoline and the other oils and chemicals used in the business, the building was at once a blaze and when the Fire Department reached the scene the entire building was in flames. There was much difficulty in "getting water," thus hindering the usual quick work of some of the companies. Humane Engine Company had first water, quickly followed by the other companies. Chief Stevens saw at once the impossibility of saving the building where the fire originated, which was a two story building, balloon construction and finished with yellow pine ceiling, which served to feed the flames rapidly, and attention was turned to the buildings on either side.

The building on the northerly side was a one story building also owned by the Cutler estate and occupied by W. Ergenzinzer as a barber shop and by B. T. Rosenblatt as a dry goods store. The building on the other side, toward the Park, was owned by D. F. Leonard and occupied on the first floor by Miss A. E. Collier and Miss I. Purkis as a grocery store, and on the other side by Samuel Silverman as a dry goods and clothing store. Mr. Leonard and family occupied the second floor and the third was occupied by William Pfeiffer.

The two buildings of the Cutler estate were about destroyed while the Leonard building was partly burned and much damaged by water; the roof on the northerly side was completely burned off. The buildings of the Cutler estate are insured to their full value and the loss will probably reach \$1,800. The Leonard building is insured for \$2,000, which will no doubt cover the loss. Friedman's loss will reach about \$800 in stock and fixtures, which was partially insured. Loss to the Misses Collier & Purkis will be about \$500, covered by insurance of \$800 on stock and \$200 on fixtures.

The escape of Friedman from instant death was marvelous. He was standing on a ladder by the enamele when the explosion occurred and the first recollection he has of the occurrence was when he was picked up in the street where he had been blown by the force of the explosion. His clothing was in flames which were promptly extinguished by Patrick Keefe who threw his coat about the burning man. Friedman was at once taken to a dwelling across the street and Dr. Vaughn was promptly on hand; he administered opiates and dressed the wounds with oil and cotton, and later the patient was taken to All Souls' Hospital where he lies in a critical condition. Mrs. Friedman and infant child were rescued from the second floor uninjured and promptly cared for by neighbors.

Robt. Johnson was badly burned about

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## BASKING RIDGE ROAD.

Freeholders' Road Committee Open Bids and Award Contracts.

The Road Committee of the county Board of Freeholders met at Freeholders' hall Tuesday morning and opened bids for the construction of the new State aid macadam road from Morristown to Basking Ridge, starting from the city line near All Souls' Hospital and running to Van Dorn's mill at the township line, being nearly five miles in all. Eleven bids were received from nine firms, the price varying from \$15,000 to \$22,000 for the entire section, or an average price of about \$4,000 per mile, some variations being made on account of the quality of stone to be used. The bids figured out as follows:

Smith & Richards, Dover, \$22,500.81; Bunn & Daniel, Little Falls, \$19,115.24; Chapman & Smith, New York, \$28,845.30 (Milburn quarry); \$18,480.55 (Baxter); Daniel & Stanley, Little Falls, \$16,848.19; Aug. Munson & Co., Rockaway, \$21,864.95; F. N. Taft, Millington, \$19,861.91; The Osborne & Marcellis Co., Montclair, \$20,093.09 (Wood); \$21,632.29 (Millington); F. N. Taft, Millington, \$18,333.55 (Youns); \$20,655.68 (Millington); Wright & Lindeley, Orange, \$19,511.90.

After hearing the bids the committee adjourned to this (Friday) morning and took no further action holding the matter over until the next meeting of the Board.

### Fire Alarm This Morning.

Just before noon to-day a telephone message from the residence of George S. Hastings on South street called Independent Hose carriage and a delegation of members to extinguish a brush fire in a lot on the Van Buren estate adjoining Mr. Hastings' property. It was feared that the fire would communicate to Mr. Hastings' stables. Hose was laid and the fire quickly extinguished by the Independents.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

A. R. Whitney, Jr., spent Sunday at Gilpinwood Manor.

Miss Margaret Garrard is in Belpoit, Long Island, for a visit.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, with her son and daughter, are at Atlantic City.

Mrs. and Mr. Oscar Coles Ferris have returned from a trip south.

Edwin A. Stevens Lewis was the guest of Gen. and Mrs. Walker last week.

Mrs. George W. Jenkins of South street spent part of last week in New York.

Louis Blackwell of Hackettstown is the guest of Miss Fannie Bowman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph H. Kissel of Inamere Farm are expected home from Europe this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. McCurdy and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thebaud spent Sunday at Morristown.

W. K. Muchmore has returned from Long Island where he met with fine success duck shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner W. Colgate have returned from New York, where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bushnell and Miss Anna Bushnell are at the Buckingham, New York, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ayers and family will occupy a cottage on 12th avenue, Belmar, as soon as the season opens.

Dr. and Mrs. Erdman have returned from Scranton where they have been the guests of Mrs. Thomas B. Dickson.

Frederic Ford of Princeton spent last Sunday in Morristown, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Burchell of Morristown.

Dr. P. C. Barker returned from Europe Wednesday last appearing in most excellent health after his very enjoyable trip.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Guerin of Morristown and Charles Yerkes of New York will take place sometime next month.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Daub of Newark and Miss Jeanette Benjamin of New York were the guests of Mrs. C. J. Sayre, this week.

Mrs. Howell of Howell Hotel, Quogue, Long Island, spent part of last week with Mrs. Fred W. Merrell of Macculloch avenue.

Murray G. Day has been transferred by the Barber Asphalt Co., in which he holds a position, from Kansas City to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall Allen, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fanshawe, have returned to their home in New York.

Dr. Michel, who has several French classes in Morristown, has gone to East Orange to live, although he will retain his classes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Cutler and family of Kadenah have returned to their country residence after spending the winter at the Plaza, New York.

Bishop Starkey was the guest of Alfred Mills last Sunday. The bishop confirmed large classes at both St. Peter's and the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of O. Day of this city to Miss Lillian Osborne of Newark at the Second Presbyterian Church of Newark, on Thursday, March 31, at 7 o'clock.

Charles Albert Rickard has bought the house in which Dr. McCarrall has his office and the one adjoining and will remodel and make them into a fine dwelling house, which he will occupy.

Dr. Stephen Pierson left for Florida yesterday whither he has gone to accompany home Mrs. Young, mother of Mrs. Joseph B. Dickson of Normandie Heights, who has been spending some time in the South on account of ill health.

## THE SEASON'S CYCLES.

Review of the Several '98 Wheels and Their Prices.

Good Weather Stirs up Interest in the Bicycle Business—Local Dealers Anticipate a Busy Season—Changes in the '97 Wheels—The Chainless Models.

The pleasant weather of the past fortnight has served to stimulate an interest in the coming season's cycling, much appreciated by local bicycle dealers, repairing establishments and the cycling fraternity in general. For a thorough survey of the wheeling trade and the outlook for the season's probable successes, a detailed account of the new models, improvements in cycling attachments and conveniences, a study of the remarkable cut in the prices of high grade wheels and its effect upon the cycling habit in general, would require columns of space. But a hasty review of the subject as exhibited by our local dealers—more or less activity, a large stock of new wheels, prices remarkably low and on a level with those of many larger cities, a great rush of repairing orders, new wheels being sold every day and a general spirit of encouragement for a good season's business is everywhere manifest.

The new thing—that is to mark the cycling trade of 1898—is, of course, the chainless wheel. But most people yet consider the chainless as an experiment and hesitate before purchasing. The few who buy them will doubtless be eyed curiously all summer long. Then, if the thing "goes," the anticipant "I told you so's" will keep silent and the chainless will be "in it" for '99.

Willis Dutton, one of the best known local dealers, says that trade is already running in fine shape. He has the Crescent and Stearns wheels. In the former the wheel for '98 bears many new improvements, particular among them being the new flush joints and direct tangent spokes, lock nuts on bearings so that the wheel may be taken off without disturbing the bearings, new device for locking the crank adjustment, and the drop of the crank handle has been increased from 2 to 2 1/2 inches. But the greatest improvement is in the price of the regular wheel \$50, chainless \$75. The price of the Stearns is down to \$50; \$75 for the racer. These also show many improvements and take place among the choice wheels. Mr. Dutton returned recently from a three months trip in the interests of the Crescent wheel. He spent most of the time in New York State, visiting about fifty places and placed in all over 800 wheels.

The Spalding and Crawford wheels are handled again this year by J. H. Schmidt & Co. Very few changes have been made on the regular '97 wheels, though better workmanship have given the wheel a more perfect construction and appearance all round. An improvement has been made in the Crawford frame rendering it more like the Spalding of last year. The Crawford is made in two grades which are offered now for \$35 and \$50, while last year the price was \$50 straight. This firm has also on hand several of the '97 wheels which they are now selling for \$30. The Chainless Crawford special, like the Crescent, is soon to be out for \$75. The prices of Spaldings are \$50 and \$75. The firm is also agent for the Lenape, with which they started near the close of last season; the price remains the same, \$50. The Schmidt Company Cycling Academy will be conducted this year as last, in charge of J. W. Tompkins, instructor.

Carlson Brothers Company, who make the claim that they are the only real bicycle dealers in the city, depending upon the cycle trade and repairing all the year round. They have this year five wheels all standard make and good sellers. The most popular is the Pierce. It shows very few improvements of special note, and the prices are down from \$75 and \$100 of last year to \$50 and \$75. The Wolf-American which comes next in point of demand is also down to \$75 and its special improvement is the eccentric chain adjustment and saddle adjustment. An oil attachment inside the axles is another excellent arrangement, and guarantees the wheel to run well for 1500 miles without oiling. The Waverly has the J. and J. Clincher tire, cones fitted with bearings on both sides, making almost a double bicycle, back pedal brake attachment, and price of \$50 and \$75. The talking point of the Liberty is the sprocket wheel, only every fifth tooth doing the work the rest being smaller and thus, it is claimed, reducing the friction at this point more than one half. The price is \$50 and \$75. The Lyndhurst is reduced from \$100 to \$75. Its main point is the triple front fork, making this part of the wheel especially strong.

To the manufacturers of the Columbia may doubtless be attributed the responsibility of the great drop in the price of wheels of 1898. Starting in on July 1st last they made a sweeping cut in the price and will maintain the same this year. William K. Muchmore, the McAlpin block stationer, local agent for the product of the Pope Manufacturing Co., says that business is starting in with a rush this year. The Columbia and Hartford wheel of '98 bear no very marked difference over those of last year and it is claimed are as nearly perfect in design and construction as possible, and they run all the way from \$50 to \$125 in price. The chainless Columbia is a real beauty and thus far has withstood the most severe tests for strength and general wear. "Teddy" Edwards, the Long Island rider, who last night completed his seventy-sixth consecutive century on the same chainless Columbia since January 1, has yet a faint to find, and this test ought to be beyond question. But he has not stopped yet, and Mr. Muchmore is receiving daily bulletins of his progress. A few of these wheels have

already been sold to Morristown people. The Remington, which has won and held a good reputation among high grade wheels, can be seen now as heretofore at the hardware store of George E. Voorhees. Some improvements have been made on the '97 model, worthy of particular note being the new style of chain used exclusively on the Remington, the grain of the metal running lengthwise of the chain making the chain practically without stretch and causing it to be claimed a reduction of 25 per cent. friction. The price of the Remington is \$50 and \$75, instead of \$100 as last year. The Eagle, also handled by Mr. Voorhees, comes in Morristown this year for the first time and is certainly a fine machine. The price for the best wheel this year is \$50; it has a patent seat post adjustment and several other minor changes over the \$100 wheel of last year. Among other wheels on the Morristown market is the Dayton sold by William E. Beach, conductor of the Acme Cycle Company in the McAlpin Block. The wheel of this year is one of the finest offered and finds many friends here already. The prices are \$50, \$75 and \$100. Another wheel Mr. Beach is pushing is the "Two Wheel" \$30 special.

## MORRIS COUNTY COURTS.

Several Prisoners Arraigned Before Judge Cutler—Pleas and Trials.

Monday last was Special Session day before Judge Cutler and a large number of Criminal offenders were arraigned to answer the charges against them. Judge Cutler is holding frequent sessions of the Court of late in order that there might be no unfinished business when his successor, Judge Vreeland, assumes the reins of justice, on April 1.

Orrin Earls of this city, whose house was raided some time ago and a number of poker players captured, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of having kept a disorderly house.

Thomas O'Donnell of this city, held upon a charge of stealing a bicycle from John H. Carlson by renting the same and failing to return it, denied that he intended to steal the wheel and was held for trial.

Charles Sumbotty of Hibernia pleaded not guilty to an allegation of having committed an assault and battery upon Max Feigin and was remanded for trial.

Harry Mullin, colored, of this city entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of having stolen \$7 belonging to his employer, Andrew Riley. Mullin, with a colored girl from Summit, were the winners of the cake at the recent cakewalk given in the CHRONICLE building, and it is said that he appropriated his employer's money in order to attend the cutting of the cake at Summit.

Edward Lewis, a boy of Stirling, pleaded guilty to a charge of having stolen chickens at that place and was remanded for sentence. Young Lewis implicated his father in the commission of the above offense, but upon arraignment the latter denied his guilt and was held for trial.

James McWilliams of Washington township entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of having stolen chickens at that place and was held for trial.

Frank E. Knappe of Hibernia was tried, convicted and sentenced to ten days' imprisonment on charge of assaulting Peter Karigan. Upon another charge of having assaulted Paul Kochuska, Knappe was tried and acquitted.

John Molnak of Hibernia, charged with having assaulted one Max Feigin, was tried for that offense and found guilty and was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment in the County Jail.

Common Pleas.

A number of appeals were disposed of in the Court of Common Pleas. In the case of George C. Connett, appellant, and Lizzie Montgomery, appellee, which was an action to recover the amount alleged to be due the appellee for wages as a domestic, the court rendered a judgment in favor of the appellee for \$8.

The case of Lewis Cook, appellant, and Edward L. Ford, appellee, resulted in a verdict of no cause for action in favor of the appellant. This was a suit brought to recover the amount alleged to be due as rental for barber furniture.

The case of George E. Hoagland, appellant, and Peter S. Hann, appellee, was settled out of court, and the cases of Maria L. Jones, appellant, and Joseph W. Coe, appellee, and William Murphy, appellant, and Mary McCall, appellee, were continued for the term.

In the matter of the suit brought by the city of Dover against Irving E. Schwarz for violation of a city ordinance, for which a fine of \$10 and costs were imposed, and from which Schwarz appealed, the action was dismissed for irregularities in the pleadings.

Deed Commissioners for Morris County.

At the Joint Meeting of the upper and lower branches of the Legislature held Wednesday, the following Commissioners of Deeds were elected for Morris County:

Boonton—Nicholas S. Van Duyne. Chatham—Howard E. Young, C. A. Johnson, Vincent B. Clark.

Chester—Lewis H. McKee, John H. Vandever. Hanover—William O. Freeman.

Dover—Second Ward, Edward D. Neighbour, Horace L. Dunham, Robert Kilgore; Third Ward, John A. Spencer; Fourth Ward, Cornelius B. Gage.

Jefferson—Charles Monks. Madison—George W. Gardner, Alexander Eagle, Edmund K. Brown, Clifford Rathbun.

Morristown—Third Ward, O. Franklin Wilson, Harry P. Lindabury. Mt. Arlington Borough—John M. Van Nortwick.

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Poquannoc—Albert Van Voorhees, Alexander Gillard, Frederick A. Candfield. Roxbury—John Arthur. Washington—Jacob W. Welsh, Joseph P. Leighton.

## ANNUAL FANCY DRESS

State Hospital Amusement Hall a Scene of Gaiety.

Officials, Nurses and Patients Unite in the Celebration Tuesday Evening—Dazzling Grand March and Review of Characters on Parade—List of Guests Present.

The annual fancy dress ball at the New Jersey State Hospital at Morris Plains, usually held on Washington's birthday in commemoration of that event, was, as has been announced in these columns, very wisely postponed on account of the development of a case of scarlet fever, though to the intense disappointment of the many patients who had long been anticipating the pleasure of impersonating some illustrious historical personages. While being out of date as a commemoration of Washington's birthday it might be expected that it would lose somewhat of the usual interest taken in it. But such was not the case. For brilliancy and beauty of costume it is safe to say that the ball of Tuesday evening eclipsed all former efforts in this direction. A like meeting on equal terms, of royalty, nobility, statesmen, heroes and beauties has seldom been seen. All animosities, all feelings of bitterness, all enmities and causes of quarrel seemed to have been forgotten, and the most magnanimous feeling of the brotherhood of man seemed to prevail. Imagine, if you can, the Prince of Orange and St. Patrick marching arm in arm together to the sweet strains of the "Wearing of the Green." St. Patrick carrying a frozen snake and the Prince of Orange decorated with shamrocks, Napoleon Bonaparte and the Duke of Wellington smiling and exchanging compliments, Alexander Hamilton chatting pleasantly with Aaron Burr, Lord Bacon gravely discussing the Cuban question with Kaiser William III, Don Juan smitten with Dulcinea del Toboso, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter inextricably amalgamated and Paul Revere gallantly escorting Barbara Freichte.

The amusement hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting, presenting a beautiful appearance. Invited guests began to arrive early, and long before the time appointed for commencement of the grand march all the available space on the stage which had been set apart for the accommodation of visitors was taken.

At 7 o'clock sharp the hospital orchestra, under the leadership of H. C. Freeman, played as an overture "The Bohemian Girl," after which preparations for the grand march commenced. Each couple entered the hall gaily attired in costume representative of the character they had chosen; and were duly presented to George and Lady Washington, after which they formed in line for the march. The March was led by Dr. B. D. Evans, the Medical Director, and Miss Katharine Baker of Lewisburg Pa., as Napoleon and Empress Josephine.

The resemblance of Dr. Evans to that great personage was very striking, and was remarked by many present. The figures of the march, though in reality simple, appeared very complicated and intricate to the onlookers. It was performed without an error. Immediately at the close of the march, which occupied nearly half an hour, Dr. Evans in a short speech extended to the visitors present a hearty welcome, and expressed regret that it was impossible to make them all as comfortable as he would like, owing to the limited capacity of the amusement hall. He expressed the hope, however, that in the near future the institution will be provided with a larger and more commodious hall.

Many of the couples were warmly applauded, but none more warmly than Uncle Sam and the Goddess of Liberty, showing that the spirit of patriotism was keenly alive in the audience.

After a waltz by the participants in the grand march, a fancy minuet danced by Shakespearean characters in costume was given. This dance was admirably performed and was a special feature of the evening. After this a varied program of dances was enjoyed. The ball practically ended at 10 o'clock, when a special train left the hospital, carrying a large number of visitors away, but dancing was continued to 11 o'clock.

To the patients in the institution this is the social event of the year, consequently it is looked forward to by them with much pleasure and anticipation. It was a great success, and the officers of the institution deserve credit for making it so.

The following is a list of the participants in the grand march and the characters they represented.

Dr. B. D. Evans, Medical Director and Miss K. Baker as Napoleon and Empress Josephine, Dr. Elliot and Mrs. Gorton as Lord Bacon and Lady Bonheur; Dr. Thomas P. Prout and Miss M. Baker as Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler; Dr. Peter S. Mallon and Miss Ennis as Duke of Wellington and Lady Wellington; Dr. M. L. Perry and Miss Ebbeas as William, Prince of Orange and Princess Mary; Mr. Samuel Higgins and Miss Ida Rittenhouse as Kaiser William III. and Daphne; Mr. E. I. Coursen and Miss Kugler as Sir Philip Sydney and Inez de Castro; Mr. Malin J. Clark and Miss Fanny Monroe as Rudolf Rask.

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## THE FIRE RECORD.

Dog Upsets a Lamp and Causes Havoc in a Dwelling House.

An alarm from Box 27 called the fire department to 31 Columbia street at 6:55 Wednesday morning. The fire was in the second story of the small house owned by John Ryan, who lived in the house upstairs, and was started, it was said, by a lamp overturned in the hall. The lamp had been burning all night and was probably knocked off the chair by a small dog owned by the family. Mr. Ryan was out of town, having gone to New York on Monday in search of work, and Mrs. Ryan was attending a sick child in a back bedroom across the kitchen from the hall. She quickly escaped with the child, but none of her household goods were removed. The fire did considerable damage, burning through the floor and walls and charring the doors and entire woodwork of the hall, and much of the household goods, bedding etc., were soiled by water. Less than \$150 would cover the entire loss, fully insured.

In returning from the fire some part of the harness drawing Washington engine was broken, and the "Washie boys" were obliged to play hors and draw the machine to the company quarters on Market street.

## LODGE NOTES.

First Ladies' Night Entertainment of Cincinnati Lodge, F. and A. M.

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., on Wednesday evening gave the First Ladies' Night Entertainment since the removal to its new and excellent quarters. To say it was a success would be a mild statement indeed. Members and guests numbered nearly 300. The effect of the lights and floral decorations were extremely pleasing, resembling fairyland. For the arrangement of the flowers, credit should be given Holmes, the florist. The program was delightfully rendered, the singing of Mrs. Withers deserving special praise, showing remarkable talent although the selections were of a classical nature and requiring a trained and critical ear to enjoy to the full. Mr. Lucas rendered one of his imitable selections with remarkable dramatic effect. J. S. W. Thompson's tenor voice was twice heard with well-deserved praise. Others who participated meritoriously were Mrs. S. Z. Batten, Mrs. H. C. Rowell, Master Babbitt, Miss Sherman and John Rosevear. A bountiful supper was served after which Mr. Colburn rendered the light fantastic music loved by the young. Dancing was enjoyed by many and the guests departed just at the tolling of the midnight hour.

Odo de St. Amand Commandery held its annual election last Friday evening with the following result: Eminent commander, F. C. Van Orden; general, A. M. Grier; captain-general, W. B. Becker; prelate, C. L. Chovey; senior warden, J. S. W. Thompson; junior warden, G. A. Becker; treasurer, F. H. Fairchild; recorder, C. G. Van Gilder; standard bearer, E. J. Wilde; sword bearer, E. W. Jacqui; warder, James Dickson; guards, W. T. Coghlan, W. T. Lewis, H. H. Fairchild; sentinel, Jacob Boehle. After the meeting refreshments were passed and a social season enjoyed.

The grand officers of the Royal Arcanum were present at the meeting and social of Loantaka Council, Tuesday evening. After the regular meeting of the lodge addresses by the state officers were listened to, Grand Regent Apar, Grand Vice-Regent Lightfoot, Past Grand Regent Otis, Grand Secretary Alberts and District Deputy Hammond. Refreshments were served by Day.

The Odd Fellows throughout the United States will celebrate the seventy-ninth anniversary of the institution of the order on April 26.

### On a Telephone Canvas.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Co., have started a canvass in Morristown for possible telephone subscribers. J. D. Andrews who is assisting Manager Dennison in the work has his headquarters at the Mansion House at present and his office is at 25 Market street, where he is at any time capable and willing to inform the public regarding telephone rates and services. Mr. Andrews although not very well acquainted in Morristown will not long remain a stranger, as his genial and pleasant manner will soon make him a favorite with our citizens. The Telephone Co. now have their underground system completed and everything in condition to give telephone service to any of the 200,000 telephone subscribers in the United States. It is safe to say that when this canvass is finished in Morristown, very few of our citizens will be without a telephone.

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## THE CUBAN SITUATION

Review of the Field and the Three Years Work.

Arguments for the Intervention of the United States—Study of the principles of International Law Involved—Is Intervention Legal?

Special Correspondence of the CHRONICLE: WASHINGTON, March 15th, 1898.—After three years of warfare the situation in Cuba resolves itself thus: Spain cannot put down the rebellion, and will not grant independence. The Cubans cannot expel the Spaniards, and will not yield to them. Therefore, it is argued, the United States must intervene.

Spain is an independent State. Lawrence in his "Principles of International Law," the latest authoritative work on the subject in the English language and one that is constantly consulted these days by the Department of State defines independence as "the right of a state to manage all its affairs, whether external or internal, without interference from other states, as long as it respects the corresponding right possessed by each fully-sovereign member of the family of nations."

While this is true as a principle, it happens sometimes that another state or group of states, interfere with the proceedings of an independent state "to compel it to do something which, if left to itself, it would not do, or refrain from doing something which, if left to itself, it would do." This usually happens when such state is engaged in internal turmoil or external conflict. Lawrence says: "Interference of this kind is called intervention."

Lawrence continues: "The essence of intervention is force, or the threat of force, in case the dictates of the intervening power are disregarded."

Other forms of intervention are advised "tendered by a friendly state without any idea of compulsion; 'mediation' by a third power at the request of the disputing parties but without any promise on their part to accept the terms proposed or any intention on its part to force them to do so, and 'arbitration' when the contestants refer the dispute by agreement to an independent tribunal and consent beforehand to abide by its award, though such tribunal possesses no power to compel obedience to its decisions."

Intervention requires the presence of force, open or concealed, and the absence of consent on the part of at least one of the combatants, for there may be intervention at the request of one of them.

The general policy of the United States is non-intervention. Yet like all general rules it is subject to exceptions. The most notable of these exceptions was when France under Napoleon III by force of arms attempted to set up a monarchical form of government under Maximilian against the wishes of the Mexican people. The United States interfered, compelling, by threat of force, the French Emperor to withdraw his troops from Mexico, the result being the downfall and death of Maximilian and the rehabilitation of the Mexican Republic on more secure foundations than ever. This was a true instance of intervention and was a splendid vindication of the Monroe doctrine. This doctrine does not, however, apply to the Cuban situation. The United States must therefore find some other grounds upon which to justify its intervention in Spanish-Cuban affairs.

The grounds upon which the United States will intervene are three.

1. Humanity.
2. The interests of its own citizens.
3. The protection of its own citizens from a threatening danger.

None of these grounds fall within the three rules laid down by Lawrence as making intervention legal. These are (a) "to ward off imminent danger to the intervening power," (b) "in pursuance of a right to intervene given by a treaty," (c) "to prevent or terminate the illegal intervention of another state."